

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments regarding the teachings of the Dabak reference have been fully considered and are persuasive. The previous rejections of the pending claims have been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Hunter on 8/4/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 57, line 1, the term "product" is inserted immediately after the term "computer program".

In claim 57, line 2, the term "non-transitory" is inserted immediately before the term "computer-readable medium".

In claim 58, line 1, the term "product" is inserted immediately after the term "computer program".

In claim 71, line 1, the term "product" is inserted immediately after the term "computer program".

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In claim 72, line 1, the term “product” is inserted immediately after the term “computer program”.

In claim 73, line 1, the term “product” is inserted immediately after the term “computer program”.

In claim 74, line 1, the term “product” is inserted immediately after the term “computer program”.

In claim 75, line 1, the term “product” is inserted immediately after the term “computer program”.

In claim 78, line 1, the term “product” is inserted immediately after the term “computer program”.

In claim 81, line 1, the term “product” is inserted immediately after the term “computer program”.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 41, 42, 45, 47-50, 53-58 and 61-81 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M. Burd whose telephone number is (571) 272-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Payne can be reached on (571) 272-3024. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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